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Robert M. Bittner, President  
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Re: Blue Jey Broadcasting Company  
WWBK (AM), Brunswick, Maine  
Facility Identification Number: 56570  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Bittner:

This is in reference to the request filed March 12, 2009, on behalf of Blue Jey Broadcasting Company ("BJB"). BJB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WWBK from a site other than the licensed site.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, BJB states that

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWBK may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	43° 52' 39" N, 69° 50' 49" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	900 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	Not to exceed 0.176 kW daytime, 0.055 kW nighttime
Antenna type	Existing WJTO tower (nondirectional)
Antenna efficiency	294.3 mV/m/km/kW
Overall height	69 meters
ASRN	1020823

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. BJB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> BJB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency

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<sup>1</sup> WWBK is licensed for operation on 900 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.066 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).

radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. Simultaneous operation of Stations WWBK and WJTO shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). Within 10 days after commencement of such operation, BJB must submit the results of measurements which demonstrate compliance with the above condition.

This authority expires on **September 16, 2009**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a stylized, flowing script.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Blue Jey Broadcasting Company